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BRIDGE REPAIRS ON NH ROUTE 145 IN CLARKSVILLE-PITTSBURG
CONNECTICUT RIVER BRIDGE WILL HAVE 15-TON LIMIT FOR 2 TO 3 WEEKS

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces bridge maintenance work is scheduled to begin Tuesday, August 3, 2004 on the NH Route 145 bridge over the Connecticut River at the Clarksville-Pittsburg Town Line.

This bridge work will involve the placing of temporary steel supports under the timber bridge. During the maintenance work, which is expected to take two to three weeks to complete, the bridge will be remain posted at a 15-ton weight limit, with one lane of alternating traffic during working hours (6:00 AM to 5:00 PM) and two lanes during non-working hours. The 15-ton weight limit will be strictly enforced to guarantee the safety of those working on the bridge. This maintenance work will allow the bridge to resume carrying legal loads up to 40 tons.

The historically significant timber bridge on NH 145 over the Connecticut River has recently been posted at 15-tons due to deteriorated timber beams on the bridge. The three-span, 92-foot long bridge was constructed in 1941 when there was a shortage of steel due to American involvement in World War II.